

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at **page 1, line 6**, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The present invention relates to a grating as a wavelength separation/selection element used in a spectroscope or a branching filter, and negative and replica ~~gratins~~ gratings manufactured by transfer from the grating and methods of manufacturing these gratings.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at **page 6, line 10**, with the following rewritten paragraph:

It is therefore an object of the invention to provide a grating having high diffraction efficiency in a wide wavelength region, particularly in the resonance domain and fitted for manufacturing replicas, and negative and replica gratings ~~gratins~~ manufactured by transfer from the grating and methods of manufacturing these gratings.